

JJ&RA PREA Annual Report

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The Juvenile Justice & Rehabilitation Administration (JJ&RA) is responsible for holding Washington State's highest-risk youth accountable for their offenses, and with providing necessary [evidence-based] treatment and rehabilitation services. JJ&RA facilities consist of institutions with funded capacities between 80 and 175; community facilities with maximum capacities of up to 16, and a boot camp with a 15 person capacity.

Institutions:

- Echo Glen Children's Center – Snoqualmie
- Green Hill School – Chehalis
- Naselle Youth Camp -- Naselle

Community Facilities (group homes):

- Canyon View -- Wenatchee
- Oakridge -- Lakewood
- Parke Creek -- Ellensburg
- Ridgeview -- Yakima
- Sunrise -- Ephrata
- Touchstone -- Olympia
- Twin Rivers -- Richland
- Woodinville – Kirkland

Boot Camp (contracted):

- Camp Outlook -- Connell

Years before the PREA Juvenile Facility Standards were finalized JJ&RA began training staff on definitions, inappropriate relationships and strategies to prevent sexual abuse in its facilities.

Since the PREA Administrator position was filled in May, 2013 JJ&RA has been rigorously implementing the more than 175 PREA standards through new and modified policies; staff, contractor & volunteer training; youth education; and enhanced data collection practices.

The occurrence of staff sexual misconduct and youth-on-youth non-consensual sexual acts in JJ&RA facilities is uncommon. From 2011-2013 there were a total of four allegations of staff sexual misconduct, none of which were substantiated through the investigation process. During that same period there were no allegations of youth-on-youth non-consensual sexual acts. Despite the relatively low number of incidents

described above data trends indicate that allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contact have increased during this period. While we attribute this increase to youth education regarding their rights to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff training, it is nevertheless a reminder that we must continue to be diligent in our efforts to reduce and eventually eliminate sexual abuse in our facilities. (To view data for each facility, please hit “back” and click on the appropriate link labeled, “To review the data, click [here.](#)”)

We will continue to have a strong zero-tolerance policy environment. Results of investigations will be used to determine if changes need to be implemented in any of our facilities including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, physical plant characteristics, staffing patterns, shifts, personnel assignments, and supervision.

Higher levels of supervision focusing on detecting potential issues through intentional awareness, continued staff training, a rigorous screening process, and education of youth are our fundamental strategies to preventing sexual and physical abuse in our facilities.

The final audit report of JJ&RA facilities audited this past year will be published on this site as soon as the Corrective Action Period is final and received from our auditor.